

2003 Lightning Fatalities

In 2003, there were 43 lightning fatalities, 8 less than the 2002 total of 51. The 2003 number falls significantly below the 10-year average of 51 fatalities. For the 6th consecutive year, Florida was hardest hit with 10 fatalities (23%); Colorado recorded 6 deaths (13%) and North Carolina lost 5 citizens (12%). The most dangerous place to be in 2003 was in the open, with 18 deaths (42%); under a tree, 8 (19%) or in water, 5 (12%). In 2003, as in 2002, more than three times as many men (33) as woman (10) were killed by lightning. The 20-39 age range accounted for 44% of the fatalities with 19 deaths.

2003 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CA	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CO	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	6
FL	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	1	10
GA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
GU	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
IA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NC	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	5
NM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
OK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
SD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TX	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	4
UT	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
VI	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	2	1	1	1	1	5	6	18	0	8	43
PERCENT	5	2	2	2	2	12	14	42	0	19	100

2003 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	1	0	1	2
10 TO 19	2	4	0	6	14
20 TO 29	2	8	0	10	23
30 TO 39	3	6	0	9	21
40 TO 49	2	4	0	6	14
50 TO 59	0	6	0	6	14
60 TO 69	1	2	0	3	7
70 TO 79	0	1	0	1	2
80 TO 89	0	0	0	0	0
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	1	0	1	2
TOTAL	10	33	0	43	99 *
PERCENT	23	77	0	100	

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

LEGEND

BF - Ball Field
BO - Boat
CA - Camping
EQ - Nr Hvy Equipment
GF - Golf
IW - In Water
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
TE - At Telephone
UT - Under Tree